

## Tom Hanks' Erie film starts rolling

Filming began Tuesday in southern California for a film set in Erie, PA. Tom Hanks' film, "That Thing You Do," takes place in the summer of 1964. The film, starring Hanks, traces the rise to stardom of a rock band born in an Erie garage.

Store fronts were set up in a shopping plaza in Orange, CA to recreate State street in downtown Erie. No filming will take place in Erie because of unpredictable weather. To recreate downtown Erie in California, several Erie institutions have worked with 20th Century Fox. The Erie County Historical Society has supplied more than 200 period photos for set and prop design.

20th Century Fox has set aside fourteen weeks for filming, but no release date has been set.

## Keeping peace in Bosnia

The peace agreement recently reached in Bosnia-Herzegovina has caused controversy between Congress and President Clinton. The peace agreement calls for a NATO-lead force of an estimated 60,000 troops made up primarily of U.S., French, and British force.

Both President Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole agree on sending 20,000 U.S. troops to Bosnia for a one year commitment. However, other Republicans are less inclined to back the plan.

In a televised speech Monday night, Clinton said that U.S. troops are necessary for keeping peace in Bosnia. Clinton also said the mission would be limited, focused, and under the command of an American general.

Congressmen opposed to the mission site risks from land mines and accidents, not organized military opposition. Some opponents are skeptical about U.S. troops remaining in Bosnia for longer than a year.

Regardless of Congressional support, Clinton can send troops to Bosnia.

## Pitt trio found guilty in shower photo case

**PITTSBURGH (UPI)**-Three University of Pittsburgh freshmen have been found guilty of harassment and trespassing for a photographing women in a dormitory shower for a fraternity initiation.

Michail Iosifidis, 19, and Scott Borsky and Gregory Gallina, both 18, participated in a Zeta Beta Tau scavenger hunt October 29 calling for a photo of a naked woman.

They were sentenced earlier this month in City Court to perform 100 hours of community service within 90 days. After they complete the service, Magistrate Dan Butler said he will dismiss the charge and expunge their criminal records.

## Hazing nearly ends in death

**BOULDER, Colo.**-Boulder police are investigating a fraternity hazing incident at the University of Colorado that nearly killed a freshman with a severe medical condition.

Michael Montoya, 19, was found last month in the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house, bound to a chair with an extension cord and duct tape, and forced to drink a pint of Jack Daniels whiskey and a large beer, his parents said.

Boulder police would only say the incident was under investigation and they have several more witnesses to interview before they decide whether to file criminal charges.

Phi Kappa Tau's national office in Oxford, Ohio, suspended the Boulder chapter November 9, pending the police investigation and their own review, as well as an inquiry by the university.

Montoya's girlfriend, fearing the worst, frantically called his parents at their home in the Denver area. They both drove to the fraternity house and found Montoya "bobbing in a chair," said his mother, Connie Mather.

The incident occurred as the university takes unprecedented steps toward curbing alcohol abuse and underage drinking on a campus known for its party atmosphere.

## The Christmas Star explored

**BEHREND**-Professor Roger Knacke, Professor of Astronomy and Head of Behrend's Division of Science, will explore theories of the the Star of Bethlehem. Dr. Knacke's presentation will be given on Thursday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Behrend Science Building, room 101. The lecture will contain computer simulations of the sky over Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus. Following the lecture, there will be astronomical viewings of Saturn and other celestial objects with the college's small telescopes, weather permitting.

According to biblical accounts, the Star of Bethlehem was seen by the three wise men on the first Christmas two thousand years ago. Many ideas for the star have been proposed, including that it was a comet, a meteor, an exploding star, or a gathering of planets. Dr. Knacke will examine the description in the biblical account and correlate it with astronomical evidence to suggest plausible explanations for what the star might have been.

Dr. Knacke's lecture is part of the continuing series of Open House Nights in Astronomy. Admission is free and reservations can be made by calling x6105.

# Junior receives coveted scholarship

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In February, Malinda Muschweck, a junior majoring in plastics engineering technology, will receive a scholarship valued at \$2,000 from the Erie Engineering Society.

Muschweck has received other awards in her college career. Those awards include the Academic Excellence in Mechanical Engineering award and the Phillip's scholarship. She has also made the Dean's List every semester.

Muschweck holds several leadership positions in student organizations. She is the Treasurer of both Tau Alpha Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Societies. She is also the vice-president of the Society of Women Engineers, a newly-formed student organization.

Muschweck is also gaining practical experience in her field while continuing her education. She has worked as an engineering intern at Parker Precision Molding and is a teacher's assistant to Dr. John Grode.

Jane Brady, the Assistant Director of Admissions and Financial Aid said " [Malinda] is an exceptional candidate from



Photo by Chris Nelson/Collegian Photographer

**Engineering academic:** Malinda Muschweck can add the engineering scholarship to her list of achievements

Behrend ....[and is] a good, solid winner."

Brady also said the competition for the scholarship was close. "All of the candidates were very well qualified [for the award]."

Two candidates from Behrend had been considered. One each from the Departments of Science and Engineering. The final decision was made by the Dean of the Behrend College, Dr John Lilley.

The criteria used in awarding the scholarship includes financial

need and academic performance. The scholarship is limited to students who permanently reside in Northwestern Pennsylvania and are pursuing a full-time course leading to a Baccalaureate degree in Engineering, Architecture, Mathematics, the Physical Sciences, or related fields of study.

Malinda will receive her award at the Annual Awards Banquet of the Erie Engineering Society during Erie Engineers Week in February.

## Cultural Week cont.

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performance Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The performance is being held in the Studio Theatre and is sponsored by the Organization of Latin American Students.

Daddy's World will be back at Behrend Friday to discuss homophobia. The forum begins at 9:00 p.m. in Dobbins.

Cultural Week concludes Saturday with a Holiday Carnival sponsored by MCC. Food, fun, and children from the Erie community will create a festive atmosphere for the event. The carnival begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Reed Commons.

Cultural Week kicked off with an art show displaying African-American art on Monday. "We have received participation from the community," said Tirado.

Artwork displayed was presented by the Stuart Culture Center. The Stuart Culture Center has been doing shows like this for about two years. Stuart, of the Culture Center, said, "The turnout has been good."

The point of shows like this one, according to Mrs. Stuart, is "so African-Americans can know their heritage. There is no central focus point for African-Americans. You have to piece it together."

Craig Brown, a 4th semester 2EET major who lived in Africa for a short time, said, "We need to spread information. Not a lot of African-American history is taught."

The Stuart Culture Center helps edify African-American culture by representing such

African-American artists as Ruth Owens and Patience Simmons.

Other Cultural Week events included a comedy show, a coffeehouse, and a Kwanzaa dinner. Trigon sponsored comedian Mike Raski on Tuesday evening. The coffeehouse, featuring poetry readings by local poets, was sponsored by Women Today on Wednesday. The Association of Black Collegians held a Kwanzaa dinner Wednesday evening to celebrate the blessings of the season.

## Poetry contest

**OWINGS MILLS, Maryland**-The National Library of Poetry has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is December 31, 1995. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style, to the The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1986, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page.

## Crime Report

**BEHREND**-On Thursday, November 16, a vehicle was severely vandalized while parked in the Erie Hall parking lot. The vehicle, a red Ford Thunderbird, was parked in the row nearest the roadway, 24 spaces from the tennis courts.

Sometime prior to 11:50 a.m., someone broke both taillight covers, smashed the windshield, the rear window, and the driver's side window, and slashed both tires on the passenger side of the car.

A possible suspect in this incident is a white male, 46 years old, 5'10", with short black and gray hair. This male may have worn jeans and a brown leather jacket and arrived on campus riding a 10-speed bicycle.

Any member of the Behrend community who heard glass breaking in this area, saw anyone around the vehicle, or saw the male described above, is asked to contact the Office of Police and Safety at (898) 6101 as soon as possible.